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SUBJECT: SPARE PARTS FOR ETHIOPIA

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1. AF/E CONTACTED ROHNER, GEHRIG CO. JANUARY 4 TO
DISCUSS STATUS OF SHIPMENTS. COMPANY OFFICIALS MET WITH
AM0ASSADOR AYALEW AT THEIR NEW YORK OFFICE IN EARLY
DECEMBER AND ARE PLEASED WITH PROGRESS MADE SINCE THEN.
ETHIOPIAN ARMY HAS PAID ITS DEBTS IN FULL AS HAS THE
ETHIOPIAN NAVY. NAVY STILL HAS SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS
TO WORK OUT WITH SWIFTSHIPS (ROHNER, GEHRIG SUBSIDIARY).
ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE STILL OWES ROHNER, GEHRIG SOME DOLS
160,000 AND COMPANY WHICH EXPECTED THAT PAYMENT SOME SIX
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WEEKS AGO NOW EXPECTS RECEIVE PAYMENT THIS MONTH.

2. ROHNER, GEHRIG IS TREATING ORDER AS UNIT REQUIRING
COMPLETE PAYMENT OF COSTS OH ENTIRE ORDER BEFORE SHIPPING
ANY SEGMENT. WHEN FINAL OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS ARE MADE
AND FINAL WAREHOUSE EXPENSES PAID (NOW PAID THROUGH
DECEMBER 1), COMPANY CAN SHIP ALL ITEMS WITHIN THREE

WEEKS. 90 PERCENT OF SHIPMENT WILL GO BY SEA FROM ATLANTIC AND GULF PORTS. UP TO 10 PERCENT MAY GO BY AIR FROM LOS ANGELES.

3. SWIFTSHIP OFFICIALS PLAN MEET AMBASSADOR AYALEW JANUARY 18 IN WASHINGTON TO RESOLVE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS.

4. DEPT OFF ASKED ROHNER GEHRIG TO ADVISE US WHEN SHIPMENT DATE FIRMED UP. CHRISTOPHER

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